

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are canceled in favor of new Claims 21-33. Claims 21 and 33 are in independent form.

Original claims directed toward a pallet have been voluntarily withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims in a subsequent Divisional and/or Continuation application(s). New Claims 21-33 define the structural relationship between the top and bottom sides and the corner blocks with greater specificity, and in a manner that is believed to be novel and non-obvious.

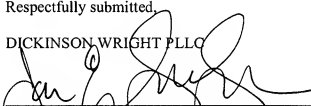
The application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or refund any excess to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

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